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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
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the area around San Juan de las Matas is quiet and that anti-rebel forces are in complete control. This area is a few miles southwest of Santiago and near the mountains where leftist extremists attempted their guerrilla operation in late 1963. A small group of extremists who had left the area for Santo Domingo early in the insurrection have now returned. Government forces are searching all the people on the roads for arms and are even confiscating knives.

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no money. Most retail stores are closed and a few poorly-armed soldiers are in the streets. In La Romana, also on the south coast and the site of a US-owned sugar mill, there has reportedly been some unrest.

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On 4 May, the labor unions in La Romana were still dominated by Communists.

3. Radio Santo Domingo, now back in rebel hands and broadcasting again, transmitted information on more appointments by the Caamano government. A broadcast of 9:00 pm EDT tonight reported that Canonabo Javier Castillo had been appointed a special delegate to the Chilean government. This man is known to be a member of the radical faction of the Social Christian Revolutionary Party (PRSC) of the Dominican Republic. He is likely to have considerable influence with members of the Christian Democratic Party of Chile, which has previously been reported joyful over what it interpreted to be Christian Democratic influence in Caamano's government.

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